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TUNGSTEN CARBIDE-BASED ANNULAR

JEWELRY ARTICLE

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SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION OF TRENT WEST

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

I, Trent West, hereby declare that:

- 1. I am a citizen of the United States, and I am also the owner of Trent West, Inc., a California company having a place of business at 41 Hangar Way, Watsonville, CA 95076.
- 2. I am the inventor and sole owner of all rights in the above-noted patent application.
- 3. I have over 35 years experience in the manufacture, marketing and sales of jewelry articles, and about 8 years experience with tungsten-carbide based jewelry methods, marketing, and articles in particular.
- I have read and understand the above-identified patent application and the claims as presently pending. I am making the following statements as one of ordinary skill in the art in support of the patentability of pending claims.
- With respect to the claimed, inventive tungsten-carbide rings discussed 5. in my Declaration filed and entered on April 25, 2005, the Patent Office requested that the

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> information be supplemented with the number of rings sold in each time period. I have provided this information below to further demonstrate the commercial success achieved in the marketplace due to the claimed invention. More specifically, to show that the number of rings sold has increased in similar fashion compared to the gross revenues and net revenues.

Year	Gross Revenues	Net Revenues*	# Rings Sold
2000	\$281,100	\$243,700	885
2001	\$889,300	\$844,100	2,636
2002	\$1,620,000	\$1,591,800	4,233
2003	\$2,100,000	\$1,984,200	5,690
2004	\$2,351,000	\$2,256,000	6,200

^{*} After deducting advertising, marketing, and commissions

- 6. My sales numbers have continued to increase—in spite of the fact that several third parties are now copying the claimed invention and selling finger rings at a discount of at least 20 to 30 percent compared to my rings as noted in the table above. In my opinion, consumers and/or jewelry retailers recognize that the claimed invention exists due to my inventive efforts and my quality jewelry rings that meet the features claimed in the pending application. In fact, the claimed jewelry rings are the first to have met with this resounding success in spite of the long-felt need and in spite of the well over three (3) decades that have passed since a watch case including a portion made of tungsten carbide was first disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 3,242,664 to Lederrey.
- 7. I further declare that all statements made herein of my knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing thereon.

Dated this 23 Day of NOU, 2005.

Declarant: